Left-Handed Handwriting Sheets with Slant Guides

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A row has 12 letters. 9 touch the baseline and 7 follow the slant guide. Write both fractions in simplest form and state which is higher.

Answer: Baseline: 9/12 = 3/4. Slant: 7/12. Baseline is higher because 3/4 equals 9/12, which is greater than 7/12.

Reason: Divide numerator and denominator by their greatest common factor. Compare fractions by using a common denominator of 12.

Check: Multiply 3/4 by 3/3 to get 9/12, then compare 9/12 with 7/12.

Task 2

A practice row is 14 millimetres high with a midline at 7 millimetres. A learner writes 5 letters that reach the midline and 10 letters that do not. What fraction reach the midline, and what does the result suggest?

Answer: 5 out of 15 letters reach the midline, so the fraction is 5/15 = 1/3. The result suggests that midline contact needs more practice.

Reason: Add the two counts to find the total, then form the fraction and simplify by dividing by 5.

Check: Confirm that 5 + 10 = 15 and that 5/15 simplifies to 1/3 by dividing both numbers by 5.

Task 3

A sheet uses a hypothetical slant angle of 15 degrees. A learner writes 8 letters at 15 degrees and 4 letters at 10 degrees. If both angles are declared valid alternatives, what fraction follows a valid slant, and why is exact matching not required?

Answer: 12 out of 12 letters follow a valid slant, so the fraction is 12/12 = 1. Exact matching is not required because the convention allows declared alternatives that remain legible and comfortable.

Reason: Count both accepted angles as valid, add the counts, and divide by the total. The rubric rewards legibility and consistency rather than a single angle.

Check: Check that 8 + 4 = 12 and that the rubric lists both angles as valid alternatives.

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Task 4

A learner completes three rows with baseline fractions of 6/8, 7/8, and 8/8. What is the average baseline fraction across the three rows, and what does the trend show?

Answer: The fractions are 3/4, 7/8, and 1. Using a common denominator of 8 gives 6/8, 7/8, and 8/8. The sum is 21/8, so the average is 21/24 = 7/8. The trend shows steady improvement toward full baseline contact.

Reason: Simplify 6/8 to 3/4, convert all fractions to eighths, add the numerators, and divide by 3 rows by multiplying the denominator by 3.

Check: Verify that 6 + 7 + 8 = 21 and that 21 divided by 24 simplifies to 7/8 by dividing both by 3.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Baseline contact: count letters touching the baseline and record as a fraction.
- [ ] Slant following: count letters that follow the guide or a declared valid alternative and record as a fraction.
- [ ] Spacing: check that gaps between letters are roughly even and readable.
- [ ] Legibility: confirm that letters are recognisable and consistent.
- [ ] Comfort: note whether the learner reports strain or ease after the row.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?